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Dear Bill:

National Security & Public Service Law

This is a follow-up to one of the items covered in our recent conversation in Virginia.

1. The Problem

The U.S. has a number of sturdy allies in Europe -- scholars, journalists, Members of Parliament et al -- who are willing to fight battles of public opinion on their local turf in support of anti-Communist causes.

However, Soviet agents of influence, radical editors and Communist cadres in general are "playing hardball." Several of our European friends have been sued for libel when they have exposed Moscow's agents of influence. Even when one of our friends wins the case, he is exhausted by the process, morally and financially.

Other friends are being harassed and blackballed for defending U. S. policy in Nicaragua. They ought to go to court but can't afford the legal battle.

2. The Prediction

Under Gorbachev -- with Dobrynin and Arbatov as advisors -- the USSR will increasingly use Western mores against us. That goes for the "law" as well as new PR techniques.

"Lonesome" anti-Communist warriors can be isolated and enervated with lawsuits -- with limitless KGB funds crossing boundaries to activate the considerable number of Communist lawyers in the West.

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3. A Possible Solution: Questions for Research?

- a. Can nonprofit, Public Service Law Firms defend our cadre "pro bono"?
- b. Is there an existing U.S. Firm that could operate through "...of counsel" or associates in Europe?
- c. Does French law, West German law, British law, etc. permit the creation of Public Service Law Firms for this purpose?
- d. Could an existing U.S. Firm help set up a European Community Legal Group that could operate across national boundaries -- by co-opting associates in various NATO countries, etc.?
- e. What legal experts -- with Public Service and/or international legal experience -- can advise on how to proceed?
- f. Where is the money coming from? Since this is a National Security matter, are there any Government funds -- USIA, State, DOD, AID, Justice, etc. -- that could be used?

4. Possible Social Innovation?

Sec/Army has civilian aides. Could Sec/State create volunteer legal aides? Could JAGs train reserve lawyers for this mission? What role for legal attaches?

Bill, I hope I'm wrong about my alarm, but I feel this is an urgent priority in the struggle to sustain NATO and combat Soviet psywar and disinformation.

With best regards, I am

Faithfully,



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